

FARMER MAN OF THE HOUR

CULTIVATED LAND HEAVILY
TAXED TO FURNISH FOOD

Science of Agriculture Should Be
Taught in the Academic Lines,
Professor Thinks.

Because you live in town or city and gain your livelihood without touching the soil, and never think of the farmer except when you catch sight of him from your touring car, or see him outrageously caricatured on the stage, you should not blind yourself to the fact that he is, fundamentally, the most important person in the world. It is unnecessary to point out the reason why. Our stomachs tell us the reason.

Now that everybody is keenly concerned with the question of the best way to meet the needs of the nation, I should like to invite attention to certain facts summarized by Professor Herbert P. Roberts in a recent address at the University of Kansas, which evinces more comprehension of what constitutes real human interest, and shows more sympathy with it than any utterance from an academic source that I have read in a long time.

Here is an important fact to start with: "The population of the country, taking the cultivated land for its support. It has been said that we are consuming thirteen months of wheat every twelve months."

In the forty years from 1870 to 1910, the ratio of the number of the population engaged in agriculture to the number engaged in other occupations fell 50 percent.

On that all right, says the theorist, and the dreamer, but what has happened the happy time when nobody should have his hands with toil and when everybody had not broken out into a scientific elephant. Agriculture, the science of the soil, is the basis of the nation's life. It is the only industry that will feed a man for a whole day.

Now what can the matter be? Machinery, scientific methods and all that have been introduced, and yet the value of production has not kept the pace. Condemnation should not fall on the machinery of the science. But it would appear that it may just fall upon the manner in which the science is being taught.

Professor Roberts discusses the problem. "Why can the young people in the public schools receive such a training and discipline (in botany) as will be of scientific value and at the same time be of vital economic use in their everyday life?"

A Special Course.

His answer to this question is, in substance, that in the high schools, and especially the rural high schools, a course in agricultural botany should be used, differing from the ordinary academic course. "First, in the aim, which is the economic advantage of the pupil rather than the intellectual training of the subject from the standpoint of the discipline second, in the means used for instruction, the student being largely employed as a teaching material for practical purposes, third, in the extent of the study, which is of economic value as the means through which to study plant structure and function."

Loss "second-hand learning" fewer "ready-made ideas" from books, as little as possible of "predigested information" for these students, but "originality, curiosity and spontaneity" in the study of the biological sciences, to step into the schoolroom, to awaken latent curiosity and fan the spirit of originality, and this best to be done by a course in botany that is scientific from the adult standpoint, but that is of vital economic use to the young people.

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Use Gas In Fight on "White Cannibals"

English Explorer Plans
Attack on Savages on
Tiburon Island.

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—Mustard gas and machine guns are to be used by Captain Harry de Windt, an English explorer, against the poisoned arrows of a tribe described as "white cannibals" on Tiburon Island, on the Pacific Coast, he announced here today. Captain de Windt said he would leave New York in a few days to lead an expedition of six civilians and three soldiers to the island.

The island is about forty miles from Guaymas, Mexico, which, in turn, is only about forty-eight hours by rail from Coronado, Ariz. The inhabitants are said to be descendants of Dutch, Swedish and German prisoners who escaped from Mexican prisons several centuries ago. Of sixteen persons known to have visited the island in the past few years, in parties of two and three, only nine are said to have returned alive, the others having been eaten by the cannibals, called "white Indians" as the Mexican people call them.

Four miles from the Mexican coast, said Mr. de Windt, "Tiburon is easily accessible. Yaqui Indians, who live on the mainland, call Tiburon the Island of Death for the reason that any person who lands on it is shot by poisoned darts and then eaten by the natives. The cannibals, in addition to bows and arrows, use ancient blunderbusses. They are supposed to number from 500 to 2,000 persons."

Besides himself, the expedition will lead by himself, of Mackenzie, the companion of Harry Hawker when he fell during his attempted transatlantic voyage, and a mining engineer, an expert copper mining engineer, Anton Gibson, nephew of President Carranza of Mexico, in whose name the expedition was organized. A man servant and sixty Mexican soldiers, assigned to the party by the Mexican government, will accompany them.

WEST POINT

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) WEST POINT, Va., Jan. 24.—Cards have been received here announcing the marriage of William Clinton Saunders, of Baltimore, originally of King and Queen County, to Mrs. Katherine Howard Kraft on January 15 in Baltimore. After February 1 they will be at home to friends in Columbia, S. C. Mr. Saunders is the only brother of John R. Saunders, Attorney-General of Virginia.

Captain John W. Faulkner, of Tan-pahang, who has been absent for two years and has seen very active service, returned to his home in New York on Monday, January 19, to the woman's club met with Mrs. J. L. Hild. The subject for the afternoon was "The Americanization of Women." Mrs. W. S. Eastwood, Kappa Kappa Gamma, the subject, Mrs. Neustadt had as her subject "Conserving the Immigrant Girl."

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to wear on the fine fabric the impact of the heavy utensil made the hairs together, and a tendency to that dread thing, a shiny surface, necessarily increases with each successive pressing. Sponging to counteract this helps to wear off the nap.

Of course, some pressing is necessary, but there is pressing and pressing—some methods are far better than others.

But one great point in the handling of woolen clothing is to avoid constant pressing. Hangers for coats, dresses, skirts and trousers should be plentiful, and should be used every time a garment is removed.

A great thing in acquiring this habit is to have enough hangers of every sort. Many people neglect this, and the annoyance of never having quite enough is sufficient to account for many lapses.

Another thing is not to leave woolen garments unnecessarily exposed to damp air. Whenever they are not in use they should be in a closet, and on damp days and nights the closet doors should be tightly closed. Much unnecessary pressing will be avoided by observing this simple precaution.

However, it is precisely the good qualities of wool which make it require, under the best conditions, a certain amount of pressing. The same lively fibers which provide air-cells in the fabric, and so successfully shed damp and even water, continually tend to curl and wrinkle it.

It is very easy, indeed, to press well at home. It is worth while, too, for the money saved is really considerable, and the methods likely to be better for the life of the material. A moderate heat iron should be used, with a lintless cotton cloth between the iron and the goods. Great care should be taken to provide a plane completely clear of the goods for standing the iron momentarily, so that in turning large or complicated garments no part of them shall inadvertently touch the hot iron.

The pressing cloth should be wet in a basin of clear water each time the iron is applied, and then wrung as dry as possible. When the cloth is removed the material should look soft and fluffy, and should be damp. If the garment is undried over the entire surface in this way, and then what comes from ironing on the wrong side.

If a lining prevents this, then press at most an area as possible at a time, turning and handling the garment with great care so as to wrinkle the damp wool as little as possible.

WINCHESTER

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) WINCHESTER, Va., Jan. 24.—Mrs. H. Clay Krebs is visiting Mrs. A. B. Drumm in Washington.

Miss Julia Wall has returned from a visit to her sister, Mrs. George Dalgry, in Lynchburg, Va.

Mrs. C. Ridgely White is visiting friends in Annapolis, Md.

Miss Augusta Conrad is visiting Mrs. Lloyd Agency in Charleston, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Larick and their daughter, Mrs. Margaret McNeill, and Miss Mary Lee Larick, are at Plant City, Fla. for the remainder of the winter.

Mrs. William B. Cornwall has been visiting friends in Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Shryock have returned from Baltimore and Washington.

Mrs. William Morton, of Charlottesville, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Robert V. Condit.

Mr. and Mrs. Grever Lewis have returned from a visit to friends in Hagerstown, Md.

Mrs. J. M. Orndoff is visiting her sisters, the Misses Walter, at Walbrook, Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hillyard have gone to New York.

Mrs. Trilene Henry has returned to Baltimore, after visiting relatives here.

Rev. Dr. Berryman Green, of Alexandria, spent the week-end here.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Tharp, of